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The oldest profession in the world, says Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, USA (Ret.), is the gathering of intelligence. The former deputy director of the CIA, final speaker of the season at The Citadel's Greater Issues series, offered some sound advice concerning the course the United States should follow to keep an eye on the rest of the world.

Gen. Walters noted that more than 90 per cent of the information obtained about a foreign country comes from open sources, such as newspapers, radio, etc. — and through technological systems. The remainder comes from espionage, which he termed a

"people" profession.

The intentions of a country can only be surmised through people. Gen. Walters said the expansion of the military in the Soviet Union is no secret. The question which confronts the United States and the rest of the world is, what do the Russians intend to do with these arms, ships and men?

Though the good Lord may take care of fools, drunks and the United States of America, Gen. Walters warned, "we must not push Him too far." Keeping a first-rate intelligence operation is in the best interest of the nation. His counsel is timely, and not to be ignored.